

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application respectfully requested in view of the remarks and enclosures herewith, which place the application in condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-7 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended. The subject matter of non-elected base claims are incorporated into claim 8. Support for vaccination of a patient is found in paragraphs 117 and 118 of the application as published. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is submitted that the claims as originally presented were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments of the claims, as previously presented, were not made for purposes of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§§§ 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these amendments and additions were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. THE PRIORITY CLAIM IS CORRECT

The Office Action alleges that the Applicants have not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date. In particular, the Office Action contends that there was no co-pendency between Application No. 09/242,449 ("the '449 application"), which was allegedly abandoned on 10/02/2003, and the instant Application ("the '922 application"), which was filed on 11/03/2003. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true copy of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) filed in connection with the '449 application requesting a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2003, thereby extending the time for response to November 1, 2003 (which was a Saturday).

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true copy of the Transaction History for the '449 application downloaded from the PAIR site indicating that the Request for Extension of Time (Exhibit A) was granted on November 4, 2003.

Contrary to the Office Action, the '449 application was abandoned on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, not October 2, 2003. Accordingly, co-pendency was established between the

'449 application and the '922 application. Therefore, Applicants are entitled to and respectfully request the benefit of the earlier filing date of the '449 application.

III. THE OATH/DECLARATION IS NOT DEFECTIVE

The Office Action alleges that the oath or declaration is defective for not adequately identifying the specification to which the oath or declaration is directed. Applicants respectfully disagree.

According to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(1), "[a] newly executed oath or declaration is not required under § 1.51(b)(2) and § 1.53(f) in a continuation or divisional application". As indicated above, the '922 application is a continuation of the '449 application.

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true copy of the oath or declaration filed in connection with the '449 application which was filed on November 3, 2003 in connection with the '922 application.

Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true copy of the Transaction History for the '922 application downloaded from the PAIR site indicating that the oath or declaration (Exhibit C) was filed on November 3, 2003.

Accordingly, the oath or declaration is not defective because the oath or declaration in the parent application (the '449 application) was filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(1) for the '922 application.

IV. THE CLAIM OBJECTIONS ARE OVERCOME

Claims 8 and 9 are objected to because they depend on non-elected base claims. In response, claims 8 and 9 have been clarified to add the recitations of the non-elected base claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

V. THE CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ARE OVERCOME

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite and for omitting essential steps.

In response, claims 8 and 9 have been clarified, thereby obviating the rejection. The nucleotides encoding specific protein fragments are specified in claim 8, therefore indicating a selection step. Furthermore, administration and conclusion steps have also been indicated.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

VI. THE CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 ARE OVERCOME

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 98/07850 to Bergmann et al. (hereinafter "Bergmann"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection.

Bergmann is not prior art. As indicated above, the present application is a continuation of the '449 application, which is the national phase application of Bergmann.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, a further interview with the Examiner and SPE are respectfully requested; and, the Office Action is additionally requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

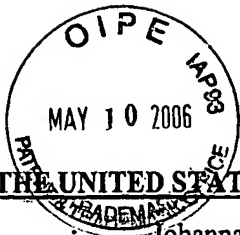
CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks, amendments and Exhibits submitted herewith, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants, by their attorneys, hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on May 1, 2003, thereby extending the time for response to November 1, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of this Petition. Concurrently with the filing of this Petition, Applicants are filing a

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09-24-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
08-28-2001	Response to Election / Restriction Filed
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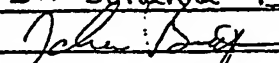
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